

MRS. HALL MURDER WITNESS FOUND

Junkman Named By 'Pig Woman' To Help State

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suspicious, she followed on her

It was while following the cart down the lane, she testified, that she saw Mrs. Hall, Carpenter and Willie Stevens in the orchard where the murder was committed.

Junk Cart Driver Found

She did not follow the junk cart further when it turned toward New Brunswick, she said.

The driver of the junk cart sought during the 1922 investigation, has at last been found, according to the report, and has said that he also saw the group in the orchard under the crabapple tree.

Much mystery surrounds the real reason for the arrest of William Phillips. Phillips, at the time of the original investigation, said that he saw a woman in a polo coat accompanied by a man, neither of whom he could identify, enter the Hall home through a side door on the night of the double killing.

However, Mrs. Hall has admitted that she, with her brother Willie Stevens, left home about 2 a. m. and visited the church to seek news of her husband.

Much of the importance of Phillips' testimony would seemingly depend upon the exact time at which he saw the figures enter the mansion.

Somerville and New Brunswick folk regard the renewed investigation with something approaching apathy.

The first investigation cost Somerset and Middlesex county approximately \$50,000 and this probe is already taking on somewhat of the lavish aspect of the original inquiry.

In some quarters there is a feeling that the authorities seek only to get Mrs. Hall's case before the grand jury in order that she may be given a clean bill of health and the case closed forever.

Appears Cheerful

Mrs. Hall seemed quite cheerful today in her jail quarters, which actually approach comparative luxury. In her room are twin beds and running water.

In a room below her sits Phillips, apparently accepting his arrest last night with calm docility. After leaving his job as night watchman Phillips was employed at the Nixon Nitrate Plant, Metuchen, where a disastrous explosion over a year ago took a score of lives.

Barred by Britain, Ben Bernie Boils

After wiring a protest to President Coolidge at the summer White House, Ben Bernie, bandsman, announced last night that Max Levine, his attorney, would go to Washington today to complain to the State Department against the British Government's action in barring him from appearances in England.

The British foreign office ruled Bernie might not appear in London, where he had been booked for a club engagement. Paul Whiteman's orchestra was allowed to play there. Bernie charges the discrimination is unwarranted.

BANDITS MISS LOOT

LOS ANGELES.—Two bandits held up a branch of the Pacific Southwest Trust and Savings Bank at Long Beach, and after locking Alex Smith, bank employee, in a closet, escaped with \$300. They overlooked several thousand dollars.



THE ETERNAL TRIANGLE which ended in the tragic murder of two of its members. Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall (upper left) is under charge of killing Mrs. Eleanor Mills (upper right) and her husband, the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall.

Rector's Widow Defiant In Cell Next to Negress

SOMERVILLE, N. J., July 30.—Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, under arrest for the murder of her husband, Rev. E. W. Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills, today sat stolidly in a cell next to that of a negress at the Somerset County jail here.

Her gaze was fixed, but occasionally she relieved the tension by closing her eyes. This was not a sign of weariness, rather a gesture



Mrs. Frances Hall



The Rev.
Edward W. Hall

of extreme boredom at the turn affairs have taken.

This square-jawed, middle-aged woman in rusty black seemed to be more determined today than ever to fight her way to freedom. Robert H. McCarter, chief lawyer for the defense, said Mrs. Hall was both shocked and annoyed by the abrupt manner in which she was arrested, but that she was standing the ordeal bravely.

"She hasn't wept a tear," Mr. McCarter said.

For four years Mrs. Hall steadfastly has denied all knowledge of her husband's death and that of his flame, Mrs. Mills. She has denied that he wrote love letters to Mrs. Mills, even though the missives were signed in his own handwriting. She disclaimed any feeling which might be assigned as one of bitterness toward Mrs. Mills for stealing her husband.

As a matter of fact, Mrs. Hall has claimed Mrs. Mills was one of her best friends and that she still believes her innocent of any passion for the rector.

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Father Who Chained Girl Claims He Had Right

Rose Panzica, 14, broods in the Children's Society, 105 Schermerhorn St., Brooklyn, waiting for her bruises to heal and trying to make up her mind whether or not to forgive her father, Joseph Panzica, for chaining her to the bathtub in their home, 515 Gravesend Ave., Brooklyn.

Before Magistrate Steers in the Snyder Avenue Court yesterday the father insisted that he may do with her as he will. Besides, he said, he had a right to punish her for spending 50 cents at the movies when she should have brought home. Rose had earned the 50 cents, he admitted.

In court Rose at first appeared frightened of her father. Later she ran toward him, calling "Daddy! Daddy!"

She was restrained from going to him and returned to the Children's Society. Panzica was sent to jail for a further hearing next Wednesday on charge of third degree assault.

HE DISINHERITS WIFE; WILLS ESTATE TO WOMAN

Ricord Gradwell of 110 West 57th St., motion picture man, who died recently, disinherited his wife, Mrs. Frances Gradwell, and left his estate to Elizabeth Irving of 50 East 58th St., it was learned when his will was filed in Surrogate's Court. His will read that he and his wife lived apart for ten years and he had provided for her.

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